

FOR SALE

1988 Martin Trainer, like new, blue/white, collar oars, \$1400. Contact Bill (407) 699-8872.

"Wing-It" racing shell, mint condition, includes one pair of new Signature sculls, custom car-top carrier adaptable to any automobile, \$1495 or best offer. Contact Kevin Ellington (803) 781-6151.

1987 Jullien Ultra-lite, Kevlar/carbon fiber, rec-racer, length 21', waterline beam 18", excellent condition, \$2800. Contact (518) 783-8776.

1988 Coffey exercise 1x, with or without Ciolli oars, excellent condition. Contact Tom Watkins (612) 447-2925.

1982 heavyweight 1x, Carboncraft/Vespoli, extra graphite, 42 lbs., Concept II blades, custom built car-top carrier, only 150 water hours, excellent condition, \$3250. Contact John Sass (313) 363-7769.

1987 Small Craft Lightening 1x, Concept II oars, like new, \$1250. Contact (301) 879-5920.

Hudson 150 lb. 1x with Stampfli blades, car rack, bag, used one month, US \$4350 negotiable. Contact Annette Kerckhoff, 488½ Maitland Street, London, Ontario, N6B 2Z3 Canada, (519) 432-4814.

1987 Alden 1x, white hull, red deck, like new, \$1275 with oars and cart. Indianapolis area. Contact (317) 846-2899 and leave message.

Two recreational 1x's, Small Craft Warnings with oars, \$850 each, \$1600 for both. Contact Browns Mills, NJ (609) 893-4116.

Heavyweight Coffey 1x, great condition and fast, must sell, asking \$1700 with oars. Contact Chris (609) 924-8412.

1988 Little River Pro-Am 1x, excellent condition, no oars included, \$1500. Contact Dave Miller (516) 842-6655 (d) or (516) 625-9226 (e).

Two Van Dusen Voyager 1x's, \$1500; Pocock 4-, \$2200; Heavyweight Schoenbrod 8+, \$3500; Concept II sculls,

\$200/pr. All negotiable. Contact Brad Smith in Boston (617) 742-3476.

1986 Coffey heavyweight racing 1x, near mint condition, \$1800. Contact Leo (617) 837-0524.

Small craft 2x, two years old, excellent condition, \$1200. Contact (207) 363-4796.

Vespoli 1x, used six months, excellent condition, roof rack available. Contact Sebastian (201) 967-1010 (d) or (203) 226-5298 (e).

1987 Van Dusen honeycomb 2x, 53 lbs., includes Van Dusen rack and cover and Strokecoach wiring, \$6000. Contact (415) 658-0238.

1982 Van Dusen 2x/2-, excellent condition, custom honeycomb, 49 lb. heavyweight hull, will send photographs, \$3300 or best offer. Contact Oliver (415) 489-0759.

Filippi "Italia" 2+, perfect condition, make best offer or trade for 1x. Contact Rob (401) 751-2549.

All wood Ibex 1x, 26', 32 lb., excellent condition, mahogany finish, with two graphite sculls, \$1500. Contact Chuck (212) 420-0813 (d) or (212) 515-7175 (e).

1984 Kaschper 4-/4x, including 4-/4x riggers, excellent condition, \$4500 or best offer. Contact Colin Allsop, St. Louis RC, (314) 997-4811.

1983 Pocock 4+ C-Shell, excellent condition, extremely stiff, light, \$4000 with oars. Contact Henry (508) 462-7726 (d) or (508) 465-6428 (e).

1983 Schoenbrod 4+, carbon fiber, midweight; 1985 Peinert heavyweight 1x; one 1978 & one 1979 Garofalo 1x, 180 lb. Contact Tom Sherwood, Cambridge Boat Club, Gerry's Landing Road, Cambridge, MA 02138.

Two SA 84 coxswain amplifier systems, excellent condition. Contact Ned Wood (617) 326-3700 (d) or (617) 461-0614 (e).

1984 Concept II rowing ergometer updated with an electronic monitor, excellent condition, \$400. Located in Massena, NY. Contact (315) 769-2040.

Coffey rowing ergometer, \$350. Contact (317) 297-7185.

MacLevy heavy-duty rowing machine, new, must sell, literature available. Paid \$1500, asking \$950. Contact (301) 231-3661.

Seat Pads to fit most seats, adhesive-backed foam. 3/8" thick \$3.50 per seat pad when ordering 1-3, 4 or more \$2.50 each + .65 cents shipping per seat pad. Vespoli USA, Inc., 385 Clinton Ave., New Haven, CT 06513.

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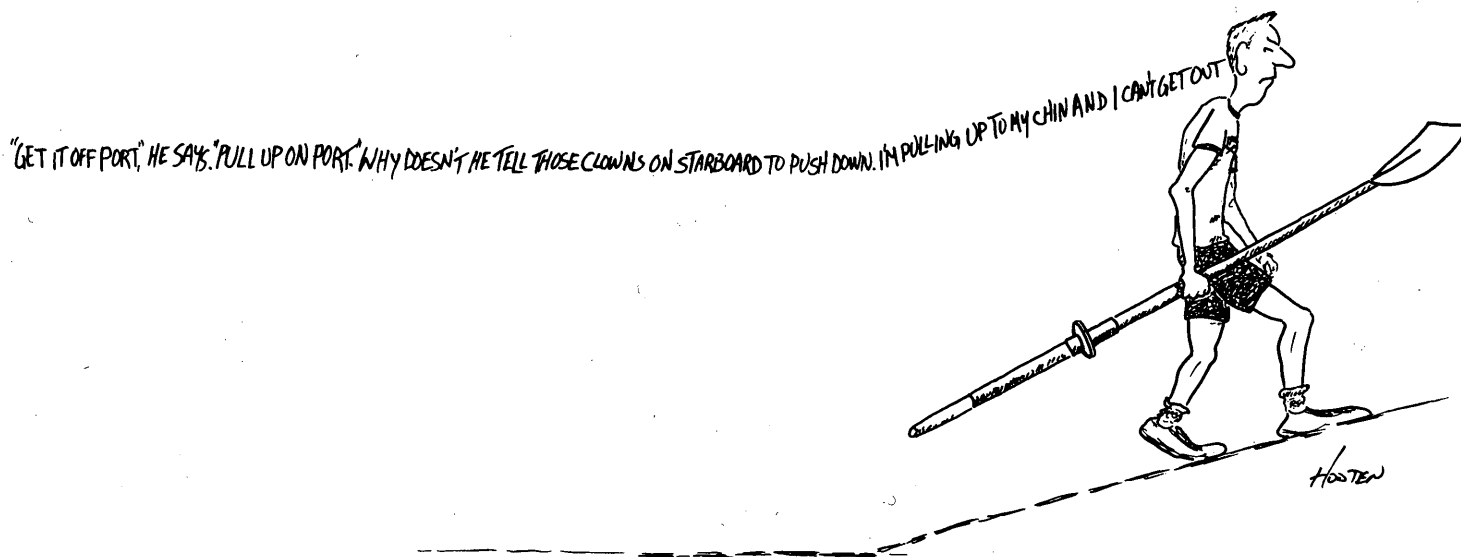
Used Alden 1x Ocean Shell, Oarmaster, oars. Contact (614) 899-2783.

Recent (one or two season) Empacher or Van Dusen midweight 1x. Contact Tom Hardy (212) 407-0230 (d) or (203) 966-6839/6061 (e).

2x or 4x in rowable or repairable condition, prefer synthetic because will be used in salt water. Contact Chris Westermann (516) 360-1650 anytime.

Donation of equipment (or combination of a tax deductible partial donation of the difference between market value and a discount price) for start-up program at unique co-ed boarding prep school in Bath, Maine. School emphasizes character development, teamwork and pursuit of excellence, particularly with promising underachievers. Equipment sought includes starter/recreational 1x's and 2x's (Alden, Martin, Boston, Little River) as well as proper 8+'s and 4+'s, oars and equipment. Tax deductible. Leave message for call back with Tom Hardy (212) 407-0230 (Parent and NHRC Master) or Jon Schoenwald (207) 443-5584 (Teacher, coach and Penn '87) or write to Jon, c/o Hyde School, 616 High Street, Bath, Maine 04530.

Trade Dyer Dhow sailing dinghy, excellent condition, for Alden 1x or equivalent. Contact Michael Powers (201) 467-4556.



LETTERS to the editor

is that much can happen in a year, and it is conceivable that a referendum passed in December could put the USRA in an untenable position in June. However, there are a number of ways to modify a referendum procedure. A referendum could take effect *unless overruled* by a unanimous vote of the Board, or by a two-thirds vote of the Board. That would at least make it more difficult for the Board to ignore its constituency.

The second lesson was the importance to the USRA of debate and consensus. Consensus is the basis for successful change in an organization such as ours and must be forged out of debate and discussion. But honest, productive debate tends to be messy and unpredictable. Discussion is not propaganda, nor a scripted presentation, and debate is not a quick survey. Discussion requires a great deal of effort on the part of both the leadership and the membership (from whom come our future leaders). The benefit lies in forcing a better understanding of the issues, and thus the possibility of better solutions.

Let us look at what has happened in the last few months. Some members of the Board were not interested in debate about replacing open Olympic events with lightweight events. The marginally pro-substitution results of a couple of non-scientific surveys were held up as a seal of

approval. At the October Board meeting, Board member Norton Schlachter submitted petitions and letters on the issue to the Board. Although it was suggested that the Board bring the issue to a debate and vote among the delegates at the Annual Meeting, the Board did not choose to do so. When proposed constitutional amendments were submitted by a member organization, the Headquarters staff apparently felt fully justified in suppressing the accompanying discussions. At the Annual Meeting, the delegates themselves brought the issue to a debate and vote. The primary interest of some Board members seemed to be in damage control. When the debate was over, and no blood had been spilled, they thought they had "won" and could go back to business as usual. A majority ignored the debate and vote on substitution as irrelevant.

This is all symptomatic of a trend towards an oligarchy. It is wrong because the USRA's special strength comes from its people and their intelligent and committed involvement. Such commitment is given freely to an organization that people care about and feel part of. It is not given to a distant, non-responsive entity, nor is it given because of slick ad campaigns.

The USRA is a sometimes uncomfortable combination of association and business. The demands of a swift, business-like, con-

sistent response to complex issues must find a balance with needed input from the membership. The leadership of the USRA has put a significant amount of effort in recent years into how to best govern the organization and how to balance its twin natures. These efforts suffered a substantial setback in the past few months. Will our future be "USRowing, Inc." or "The United States Rowing Association?"

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ERRATA

The results in the September/October issue of *AMERICAN ROWING* for the junior men's single sculls at the *AMERICAN ROWING* Championships should have read: 1. Beckman, 7:16; 2. McClure, 7:22; 3. Herod, 7:25. Our apologies to Mr. Beckman of Durham Boat Club.

In the November/December issue in the article "Canyonlands by Shell" on page 29, an incorrect caption appeared under the photo. It should have read, "Morning of Day Two — Navajo Sandstone walls of Labyrinth Canyon just below Trin-Alcove Bend, Green River, Utah."

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